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Agriculture

Farmers
Home
Administration

Washington
D.C.
20250

FmHA AN NO. 1767 (1900)
July 1, 1988

SUBJECT: Establishment of New Appeals Process

TO: State Directors and District Directors

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 mandated Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to establish an independent appeals staff for the purpose of handling administrative appeals. While the legislation only amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, FmHA has made an administrative determination that all appeals will be handled by this staff, known as the National Appeals Staff. This Administrative Notice provides procedures for the transition to the new appeals process.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

No previous AN has been issued on this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

New appeal regulations were issued in proposed form April 18, 1988, for a 30 day comment period. We expect publication in final form within the next few days.

The National Appeals Staff will assume coordinating responsibility for all FmHA administrative appeals today, July 1, 1988. The National Appeals Staff through the three Area Supervisors and approximately 57 Hearing Officers located throughout the country will receive requests for hearings, conduct the hearings and issue a decision. That decision may be further appealed for review to the State Director and subsequently to the Director of the National Appeals Staff or directly to the Director of the National Appeals Staff. The final regulations which contain a complete description of the new appeals process and guide letters to potential appellants will be sent to all offices as soon as possible.

To date we have selected over 40 Hearing Officers who received training in Washington, D.C., during June 20-24, 1988. They and the Area Supervisors are prepared to start the new appeals process. The Area Supervisors will make the assignments of appeal hearings to the Hearing Officers. No requests should be made directly to the Hearing Officers.

Expiration Date: September 30, 1988

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Preceding

FmHA Instruction 1900-B



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Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250

Hearings previously scheduled should have been concluded and the decision letters issued no later than June 30, 1988. In an unnumbered letter dated May 11, 1988, you were advised that the appellants could choose to delay their requests for a hearing until after July 1, 1988. You should ensure that all appellants are made aware of this option. If an appellant wishes a review of any decision issued by a Hearing Officer before July 1, 1988, that review request should be directed to the Director of the National Appeals Staff.

Attachment #1 contains the names and addresses of the Area Supervisors, as well as the Director and other managers of the National Appeals Staff.

Attachment #2 contains the names and locations of the Hearing Officers - up to this time. Further recruitment is planned to fill all 57 positions.

Questions on the new appeals process can be directed to Pamela Dillon FTS 756-7008 or commercial (703)756-7008.



VANCE L. CLARK
Administrator

Attachments

Sent by Electronic mail on July 1, 1988 at 4:01 p.m. by ASD.
State Director should advise other personnel as appropriate.

Attachment #1

NATIONAL APPEALS STAFF NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Pamela M. Dillon
Director

Farmers Home Administration
National Appeals Staff
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Alexandria, Virginia 22303

John Gleason
Deputy Director

Alan West
Chief, Appeals Hearing Branch

Pandor Hadjy
Chief, Appeals Review and
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EASTERN ZONE - Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine,
Massachusetts (Connecticut and Rhode Island), Michigan,
Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio,
Pennsylvania, Vermont, (New Hampshire and Virgin Islands),
Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Ms. M. K. Smith
Area Supervisor
National Appeals Staff
Farmers Home Administration
P.O. Box 681310
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268-7310

SOUTHERN ZONE - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana,
Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma,
Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

Ms. Jenanne Breece
Area Supervisor
National Appeals Staff
Farmers Home Administration
P. O. Box 24
7777 Walnut Grove Rd., Suite OM36
Memphis, Tennessee 38119

WESTERN ZONE - Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana,
Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah (Nevada),
Washington, Wyoming

Mr. Arthur Erik Hawkinson, Jr.
Area Supervisor
National Appeals Staff
Farmers Home Administration
2490 West 26th Ave.
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Denver, Colorado 80211

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Attachment 2

NATIONAL APPEALS STAFF -- WESTERN ZONE

<u>Location</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Denver, CO	Arthur Erik Hawkinson, Jr. Area Supervisor	FmHA (WY)
Boise, ID	David Vaughn	Outside (Atty.)
Billings, MT	James Holzler	FmHA (MT)
Medford, OR	Cherryl Ann Vangelisti	Outside (Real Est. Consult.)
Fresno, CA	Brad Blackburn	FmHA (NO)
Casper, WY	Fred Brownlee Retired annuitant	Outside/ FmHA
Grand Junction, CO	Jack Richardson	FmHA (CO)
Grand Forks, ND	Richard Nelson	Outside (Atty.)
Bismarck, ND	Art Lund	FmHA (ND)
Pierre, SD	Michael Jacobs	Outside (FDIC)
Omaha, NE	Paul Handley	Outside (FDIC)
Lincoln, NE	Edwin Nilson	Outside (FDIC)
Salina, KS	Leland Elliott	FmHA (KS)
Denver, CO	Jeffrey Hays	FmHA (AZ)

TOTAL of 14 HEARING OFFICERS -- 7 from FmHA; 6 from outside FmHA;
one vacant

NATIONAL APPEALS STAFF -- SOUTHERN ZONE

<u>Location</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Memphis, TN	Jenanne Breece Area Supervisor	Outside (Atty./DOE)
Kingman, AZ	Iva Chavez	FmHA (AZ)
Plainview, TX	Larry Jordan	Outside (Atty.)
Seguin, TX	Edward Garcia	Outside (HUD)
Arlington, TX	Robert Moreno	Outside (SBA)
Abilene, TX	James Jones	FmHA (GA)
Oklahoma City, OK	Elizabeth Webb	Outside (SBA)
Jackson, TN	Willis Kollars	Outside (Ct. Clk)
Nashville, TN	Robert Upchurch	FmHA (TN)
Southaven, MS	Nancy Lewis	FmHA (TN)
Jackson, MS	James Kalahar	Outside (OIG)
Rocky Mount, NC	Jerry King	FmHA (NC)
Fayetteville, NC	Freeman Tate	Outside (Atty)
Statesville, NC	Maynard Self	FmHA (NC)
Spartanberg, SC	Bob D. Chandler	FmHA (NC)
Macon, GA	Patricia Darden	Outside (GAO)
Montgomery, AL	Nicholas Bancor	Outside (SBA)

Gainesville, FL	Bonnie Nelson	Outside (Acct.)
Alexandria, LA	Deborah Lombardino	FmHA (LA)
Memphis, TN	William Timberlake	FmHA (TN)
TOTAL -- 22 Hearing Officers; 10 outside; 9 from FmHA; 3 vacant.		

NATIONAL APPEALS STAFF -- EASTERN ZONE

<u>Location</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Indianapolis, IN	M. K. Smith Area Supervisor	FmHA
Crookston, MN	Evalea Bolstad	FmHA (MN)
Alexandria, MN	John Olerud	FmHA (MN)
Council Bluffs, IA	Richard Sharp	Outside (SBA)
Indianola, IA	Barbara Sachs	Outside (Atty.)
Columbia, MO	Richard Von Fossen	Outside (Atty.)
Springfield, IL	Steven Swiontkowski	FmHA (MT)
Greenville, MI	Robert Mulholland	Outside (Atty.)
Madison, WI	Vernon Reed	FmHA (WI)
Wausau, WI	Jerold Van Beek	Outside (FCIC)
Hillsboro, OH	George Hogan Trace	Outside (SBA)
Boydton, VA	William Crutchfield	FmHA (VA)
Denton, MD	Ronald Baker	Outside (FCIC)
Carlisle, PA	Darlene Johnson	FmHA (PA)
Albany, NY	Syed Zaman	Outside (IRS)
Windsor, CT	Raymond Fricano	FmHA (CT)
Indianapolis, IN	Steven Chapman	Outside (SBA)

TOTAL--21 Hearing Officers; 7 from FmHA; 9 from outside; 5 vacant.